



# South End Update

April 25, 2012

## Join US for the next **Community Discussion** on **May 10, 6 pm** **South End Middle School**

### What's Going On?

Regular meetings are taking place in the South End, with neighbors coming together to work toward rebuilding and improving the neighborhood. The City is seeking funds to improve the South End, and your opinions will help shape the improvements.

### What Happened on April 2?

An initial group of residents met to talk about what's good in the South End, and what we'd like to see improved. Here's what people talked about:

#### Education and Schools

- Afterschool programs
- Parent engagement
- Neighborhood schools

#### Public Safety

- Police presence
- Issues with liquor stores
- Traffic safety

#### Quality Housing

- Safe, well-maintained
- Affordability / Accessibility
- Elderly housing

#### New Community Center

- Activity place for all ages
- Affordable for all
- Clean, safe, healthy, friendly
- Opportunities for youth

#### Jobs and Job Training

- Training for small businesses
- Hire from within community
- Reliable childcare
- Summer jobs for youth

#### Youth Activities and Support

- Accessible space year round
- Mentorship programs
- Summer jobs
- Youth leadership development

### What's Next?

Meetings are ongoing. **Get involved!** What's your vision for the South End?

At the April meeting, everyone's biggest concern was public safety. Our May 10 meeting will focus just on public safety and identifying possible solutions.

### How can I get more information?

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